



# NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

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TORONTO

April 26, 1991

To: Harry Sinden - Boston Bruins      VIA FAX

Re: Playoff Game #5 - Series "A"  
Hartford at Boston  
April 11, 1991

Dear Harry:

Enclosed is a copy of my decision following my hearing with Verbeek.

First of all let me say, I know that you will not agree with my findings or the resulting penalty.

Having said that, there is no doubt that we at least agree on the fact that this type of conduct must be dealt with more severely. You believe, I'm sure, that current Rule 34A gives all the latitude necessary; whereas, I am guided by a long standing policy of tolerance to fisticuffs. Perhaps, for this reason I have suspended players for using their fists on only three occasions over the past fourteen years. In each of those situations no altercation was in progress and in two of the situations very serious injuries resulted.

If you wish to discuss this further, please call me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "O'Neill".

Brian O'Neill  
Executive Vice-President

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